

# The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Tuesday, December 16, 1746.

From Wye's Letter, London, Dec. 11.

**Y**ESTERDAY the Commons, in a grand Committee, on the Land Tax Bill, went through it with some Amendments. — Deferr'd going into a Committee on Ways and Means till Wednesday next. — Ordered in a Bill for more easy and speedy adjusting and recovering Servants Wages.

This Day the Lords read a Message from the Commons, that they had impeached Simon Lord Lovat of High Treason and that the Articles thereof should be exhibited to them in due Time.

The Commons to Day, after having appointed the Committee to draw up the Articles of Impeachment, and prepare Evidence against the said Lord Lovat, ordered the Land Tax Bill to be engrossed.

According to what is discoursed, the Earl of Cromarty will be executed on Monday Seven-night.

The Anne from Newfoundland is arrived at Bristol, by whom there is Advice, that his Majesty's Ship the Vigilant, Captain Douglas, with 50 Merchant Ships under her Convoy for Portugal, and the Torrington with 18 Sail for England, sailed from Newfoundland about the 10th of November.

From the London Evening Post, Dec. 11.

Extract of a Letter from Louisbourg, at Cape Breton, dated Nov. 8.

We are all in high Spirits in these Parts, on account of the ill Success of the French in their Expedition to Chebuctou, a Harbour about 70 Leagues to the Westward of this Place, where, since their Arrival, they have buried about 2800 of their Soldiers and Sailors, and carried to Sea with them 1700 sick Men; and about 25 Days since they burnt a 54 Gun Ship of their own, and several Transport Ships, not having Men to carry them home. In short, they departed from this Coast in a most melancholy Condition. Of all the Ships that sail'd from France for this Coast, only 6 of the Line arrived; with 36 Transports and Frigates, making in all 42 Sail. This Account you may depend on, for it is confirmed by Capt. Hugh Scott of this Garrison, who was sent with a Flag of Truce to exchange Prisoners with the French at Chebuctou, and was by them detained two Days, whilst they were preparing to sail in a sad Confusion, which they did the third Day, and carried the said Capt. Scott with them 20 Leagues S. W. of Cape Sables, when they let him go, and lay by till he was out of Sight. They behaved with great Politeness, and made him a Present of a good Sloop, in which he arrived here. By the Departure of this Fleet we are left in a perfect State of Security.

LONDON, Dec. 11.

We hear Lord Lovat is so dangerously ill, that he is expected to live but a few Days.

The Bristlington, Whelbon, from Jamaica, is arrived at Bristol: She parted 5 Weeks ago from the rest of the Fleet, which consists of about 37 Sail, who were then got safe through the Windward Passage. When the said Fleet sailed from that Island, the Prince Charles Privateer, Capt. Giles, was just arrived from a Cruise, and immediately sailed again on another Cruise.

On Monday Night Admiral Townshend, Commander of the Squadron at the Leeward Islands, arrived at his house in Golden-Square from Portsmouth.

The same Night Colonel Warburton, who commanded the Forces that went over last to Cape Breton, and who came home in Admiral Townshend's Fleet, came to the Dutches of Argyle's, his Sister, in Bruton-street.

Admiral Byng sets out soon for the West-Indies, and it is said he will have the Command of the Fleet at Jamaica, in the room of Admiral Davers, deceased.

On Tuesday the Lady of Charles Ratcliffe, Esq; who was beheaded on Monday last, arrived in Town. And Yesterday Morning his Body was carried out of Town, to be interred in Northumberland.

On the 6th instant the Monmouth Man of War arrived at Plymouth, and brought in with her two French Transport Ships of d'Anville's Fleet, viz. the Bon Aventure, and the Peolster, one laden with Sugar, and the other with Rice and Provisions; which were taken on the 29th past, in Lat. 44. 20. North of Cape Finisterre.

Last Tuesday the following Numbers were drawn Prizes at Guildhall, viz. No. 4280, 10000 l. 38054, 500 l. and 46611, 49819, 8992, and 34162, 100 l. each.

Yesterday the following Numbers were drawn Prizes, viz. No. 46076 and 49785 500 l. each; 41234, 27583, and 33567, 100 l. each.

The Cecilia, Mitchell, from Aberdeen for Campvere; is taken by a French Privateer.

From the St. James's Evening Post, Dec. 11.

LONDON, Dec. 11.

The Ships from Jamaica for London sailed the 24th of October, under Convoy of the Cornwall, Commodore Mitchell, of 80 Guns; the Lenox and Strafford, of 70 Guns; the Worcester, and Plymouth, of 60 Guns; the Enterprize, and Milford, of 40 Guns; the Wager, Stirling Castle, (i. e. Rippon's Prize) and the Bedford, of 20 Guns each, and the Merlin and Drake Sloops: They were to see them through the Windward Passage, and then wait for the French Merchant Fleet bound to Europe from Martinico. The Ships that came out under this Convoy from Jamaica, are, twenty-two for Lon-



don, seven for Bristol, and three for Lancaster.

They write from Jamaica, that two Flags of Truce failed from thence for the Havannah, with Spanish Prisoners; but those Prisoners rose, and insisted they should steer for another of the Spanish Settlements; upon which the Commanders complied.

They write from Paris, of the 11th Instant, that a Council was held at Versailles, the Day before, at which Count Lowendahl assisted, in which it is said, it was determined to open the Campaign with the Siege of Luxemburg; and that the said General gave it as his Opinion, that it would be necessary to have 200 Pieces of Cannon, and 100 Mortars, employed in the Reduction of that Place.

We have Advice from a Person that may be depended on at the Hague, that his Excellency Count Harrache, the Imperial Minister Plenipotentiary now there, has received Orders from his Court to set out for Breda, her Imperial Majesty being satisfied with one of the Expedients proposed; so that there is Reason to believe the long expected Conferences will at last be opened, which may probably lead to a safe and solid Peace.

It is now looked upon as a Thing certain, that several Persons of Distinction concerned in the late Rebellion in Scotland, will be impeached next Week; and that most of those who are in Custody, will be very speedily prosecuted in the Courts below.

We hear that both Houses of Parliament will adjourn themselves this Day 7-Night to the 8th or 10th of January next, when his Majesty will go to the House of Peers, and, in a most gracious Speech, acquaint them with the Negotiations of his Royal Highness the Duke in Holland.

We hear that several Men of War are gone out in order to cruise on the Enemy, and protect the Jamaica homeward-bound Ships, which are now daily expected.

We hear that the Right Hon. the Lord Tyrawley, Colonel of the third Troop of Horse Guards, will have the late General Columbine's Regiment of Foot, and be made a Gold Staff Officer.

We hear that General Wade's Horse has accepted the Offer of being made Dragoons, rather than go on the Irish Establishment.

It is said, that a Petition is drawn up, and will be presented to some Persons in Authority, by the private Gentlemen of the Third and Fourth Troops of Horse-Guards, that in Consideration of their having been Abroad, and most of them being young Men, (that as two Troops only are provided for by Parliament) they may be selected out of the four Troops; and that the ancient Men in the said Corps, who may think the Duty too hard, may be allowed, during Life, six or seven Shillings a Week, in Consideration of the Money they have paid, and their long Services; which it is thought will not be rejected.

#### *The HISTORY of EUROPE,*

#### *From the WESTMINSTER JOURNAL.*

We are told that the Number of Troops which entered Provence on this Occasion, is 27,000 Foot, and 4000 Horse, which are to be followed by others as soon as they can get up, and also by a fine Train of Artillery. On the other Hand, a late Gazette has informed us, that

20 Battalions are already arrived with M. Belleisle, that 20 more are upon the Point of arriving, and that a third Body of 25 Battalions are now marching through Burgundy. Though we do not certainly know what were the Remains of the French Army under Maillebois, yet allowing it to be reduced to the smallest Number that has been mentioned, all these Reinforcements will make it so considerable, that General Brown cannot be too well supported.

We are told much of the King of Sardinia's heroic Behaviour under his Sickness, and the Declarations he made to Count Brown, of his Attachment to the Common Cause. The Authors of these Accounts had certainly an Eye upon the History of his Sardinian Majesty's Father, who, during the Invasion of Dauphiny in 1692, fell sick of the Small-pox, and in much the same manner recommended the Care of his Affairs to his Cousin Prince Eugene.

Notwithstanding so much of the French Power is drawn off towards the South, the Preparations on the Side of the Netherlands are still surprising, and seem to threaten a Winter Campaign, or at least a Winter Siege. 'Tis hoped the Allies will not be behind-hand on this Occasion; but that they are at present ready to defeat any Attempt, is scarcely credible.

The Progress of Affairs has shewn us, That after all the fresh Treating and Guaranteeing, Jealousy is not yet entirely subsided between certain Courts in the Empire: Nor are we yet sure that the generous Example given here will be followed by that Ally, whose more immediate Business it is to keep all quiet in its own Neighbourhood.

It is to the Czarina, above all, that the Powers at War with France seem to depend for the Preservation of Peace upon the Elbe and the Oder. Her Troops have long been kept in Readiness, and it is hoped will not fail to march, if there should be Occasion.

#### *L O N D O N, Dec. 11.*

Last Tuesday Mr. Chandler, one of his Majesty's Messengers set out for Scotland, to bring up to Town, as we hear, some Persons of Distinction.

The Reason why the Court of Vienna refuses a Passage thro' its Dominions to the intended Dauphiness, is, because she is to travel under that Title, which cannot be admitted, unless the French Court will acknowledge the Emperor's Title.

Last Tuesday the Sessions ended at the Old Bailey, when four Prisoners were tried; three cast for Transportation, and one acquitted. Then Sentence of Death was pass'd on the four Malefactors abovemention'd. Sir Hector Maclean, and the others who were Prisoners in Newgate for treasonable Practices, were brought into Court, and inform'd that the Habeas Corpus Act was farther suspended, and that they must remain. Then the Court adjourn'd to Friday the 16th of January.

Bank Stock 125. India Stock 177 3 qrs. South Sea Stock 102.

#### *E D I N B U R G H, December 16.*

Sunday last died, and this Day is buried, the Reverend Mr. Robert Blair, one of the Episcopal Clergy in this City: Who, as he was a Person of a strict and severe Piety himself, so by his most elaborate and pathetic Dis-

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courses, he had made it his great Business both to instruct the Head, and to engage and captivate the Hearts of his Hearers to the true Practice of it. Till he was disabled by a long and lingering Illness, which has at last carried him off, he was most assiduous in all the Duties of his Office, particularly in visiting the sick and afflicted of all Sorts, to whom he had a peculiar Talent of administering Comfort and ghostly Counsel, according as the Variety of their Circumstances did require. As these excellent Qualities could not but render him highly dear and valuable to his own People, so they also procured him Respect and Esteem from all those of a different Persuasion, who happened to have the Benefit of his Conversation.

That Night a Gentleman was robbed on the Walk of Leith of 15 s. by two Fellows in Regimental Cloaths.

We hear Hamilton's Dragoons have received Orders to be in readiness to march to the West, in order to embark for Ireland, and that they are to be replaced in East Lothian by St. George's Dragoons.

Yesterday Patrick Gibson, Son to James Gibson Porter in Leith, was committed to Prison, for abusing and attempting to ravish Margaret Philip Spouse to Alexander Hutchison in Boghall, being big with Child.

We see published here the **EDINBURGH ALMANACK** for the Year 1747, containing several curious Particulars. Dedicated to the Lord Provost and Magistrates of this City.

*From the GLASGOW JOURNAL, Dec. 15.*

One Captain Brennan was lately brought to this Prison from Irvine, where he has been confined since the Battle of Culloden, endeavouring to escape that Way, who says that he came from Paris, and was French Commissary in the Victualling Office since the Beginning of the War in Flanders, where he was known to many of the British Prisoners; that he was sent over with the French Picquets, and acted as Commissary of the Stores, and Director of the Artillery. The Minister of Inverness, and others have sent Attestations much in his Favour, declaring, that during his Stay with them, he behaved with great Moderation and Humanity.

*Extract of a Letter from Boston, Oct. 14.*

At present there is no Business carried on here, all Hands being employed in raising Batteries for the Defence of the Town. For these several Weeks past, there have been 2000 Men constantly in the Castle, and six new Ships have been bought, in order to be sunk in the Entry to our Harbour, in case of any Attempt from d'Anville's Squadron.

By the Bennet Schooner just arrived from Virginia, we have the following melancholy Account, that in her Passage, about 140 Leagues W. of Cape Clear, she fell in with the Royal George, from Jamaica to London, about 500 Tuns, loaded with Sugar, whom she found in a miserable Condition, with 11 Foot Water in her Hold, the Bennet sent her Boat, and brought off 41 of the Men, amongst whom were the Captain, Surgeon and other Officers; but the Weather being stormy, they could not send back the Boat for the other 13, who in all Likelihood must perish.

*Leith, Dec. 15.* Saturday Forenoon arrived the John of Leith, Smith, from London, being the last of the Trade which came under Convoy of the Mercury Man of War, has on board the Earl of Stair's Baggage, besides a valuable Cargo. About the same time sailed the Triton Man of War for London, having under Convoy several Vessels from Burntisland, Borrowstounness and other Places of the Frith; as also the John of Leith, Thomson, (formerly Steil) with a very rich Cargo. Sailed also the Nieuwe zee meun of and for Rotterdam, Kuip, with Coals and Lead; the Cuthbert of and for Newcastle, Whitby, with Goods; and the Patie of Leith, Kirkwood, with Leather, &c. for Aberdeen.

## ADVERTISEMENTS.

*Drops on Thursday was eight Days, within John's Coffee house, or betwixt that and the Guard,*

## A TEN POUND BANK-NOTE.

Whoever has found it are desired to return it to Peter Blair at the above Coffee-house, from whom they will receive a Guinea of Reward, and no Questions asked.

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||| A SURGEON'S MATESHIP in an old Regiment in Flanders, to be disposed of at an easy Price. Enquire at Mr. Grainger Writing-master at his School in the old Post house Stairs at the Head of Marlin's Wynd, Edinburgh.

## By ADJOURNMENT.

To be exposed to Sale, by way of publick voluntary Roup, upon Monday the 22d Day of December inst. between the Hours of 3 and 4 Afternoon, within the Laigh Coffee-house, Edinburgh.

The Lands of TODSHAUGH, holding of the Crown and lying within the Parish of Kirkliston and Shire of Linlithgow, consisting of about 57 Acres of Ground pleasantly situated on the Water of Almond; and on which Lands there is a very convenient new finished House, with a good Garden and Dovecote. The Rental, Progress of Writs and Conditions of Roup, to be seen in the Hands of Robert Dalrymple Writer to the Signet, and Charles Brown Writer in Edinburgh.

To be exposed to Sale by publick voluntary Roup, at John's Coffeehouse in Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 8th Day of January next, betwixt the Hours of 4 and 5 Afternoon.

The Lands of WOODMILN, lying within the Parish of Abdie and Sheriffdom of Fife, belonging to Patrick Davidson, holding Feu of the Crown, paying yearly of Rent 726 l. 9 s. 5 d. Scots Money, 1 Boll 2 Firloths of Wheat, 81 Bolls 1 Firloth of Bear, 16 Bolls of Oat-meal, 139 Bolls of Oats, 4 Pounds of Butter, 8 Pounds of Cheese, 12 Capons, 188 Poultry, and 150 Loads of Coals; out of which is to be deducted 39 l. 11 s. 8 d. Scots Money of Feu-duty payable to the Crown, 16 l. 16 s. 4 d. Scots Money, 8 Bolls of Bear and 12 Bolls of Oats of Stipend payable to the Minister of Abdie, and 6 l. of Salary payable to the Schoolmaster. — There is a good Mansion-house upon the said Lands, a great Quantity of young Timber, and Ground inclosed near the House; and the Proprietor has Right to vote in the Election for a Member of Parliament. The Rental, Progress of Writs and Articles of Roup are to be seen in the Hands of David Anderson Writer to the Signet.

To be exposed to Sale on Monday the 22d current, in the Laigh Coffeehouse in Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of 3 and 5 in the Afternoon.

The Lands and Barony of BELSTOUN, belonging to Daniel Carmichael of Mauldly, lying within the Parish of Carluke and Sheriffdom of Lanerk, holding Taxward of the Crown, and pays of yearly Rent 100 l. 16 s. 1 d. of a Penny, Sterling Money; 132 Hens, 168 Load of Peats, 12 long Carriages, 10 short Carriages, and 39 Days shearing, besides a fine Lime-Quarry, which is set this Year at 6 Guineas, and may be set at a greater Rent in time coming. There is likewise in these Lands an inexhaustible Moss, and the Lands are very improveable. Any who have a Mind to purchase, may commune with William Fraser junior Writer to the Signet, at his House in Don's Close, in whose Hands the Conditions of Sale and Progress of Writs are to be seen.

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